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RE:

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Rider DSM/EE-I I.

Decreasing Residential Rates and Increasing Non-Residential Rates

Docket No. 2019-262-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP") Further Reply to Comments filed November 26, 2019. For the reasons already discussed in ORS's November 21, 2019 Letter, DEP's Further Reply is inaccurate. ORS stands by the legal analysis presented in its November 21 Letter and submits that the Commission has clear authority to set its own regulatory policies.

Sincerely,

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